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CINCEUR FOR POLAD, TEL AVIV FOR PAO, DELIVER BY 9 A.M.

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - JUNE 29

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE
EXCERPTS FROM DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING FOR JUNE 29, 1978.
FYI ONLY, SPOKESMAN TODAY WAS HODDING CARTER III.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING NEW ON THE SECRETARY'S POSSIBLE
MEETINGS WITH THE EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI FOREIGN MINSTERS?

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A. I DONT HAVE ANYTHING THERE. I DONT HAVE TO BE
EVASIVE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING SOMETHING THERE.
I WOULD HOPE THAT IN THE COURSE OF CONSULTATIONS THAT I
MIGHT AT SOME POINT BE ABLE TO SAY SOMETHING.

Q. DO YOU ACCEPT AS FACTUAL WHAT THE EGYPTIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER SAID YESTERDAY THAT THEY WOULDN'T MAKE UP THEIR
MIND ABOUT ALL THAT UNTIL THEY HAD SENT THEIR PAPER TO
THE ISRAELIS THROUGH US AND SEEN HOW THE ISRAELIS
RESPONDED OT IT?

A. THE EGYPTIANS HAVE SPOKEN FOR THEMSELVES, AND I CANT
GO BEYOND WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY ON THE SUBJECT.

Q. WELL, SOME OTHER THINGS THAT YOU AND OTHER AMERICAN
OFFICIALS HAVE SAID HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THERE ARE
NEGOTIATIONS OVER DATE GOING ON INDEPENDENT OF THAT,
AND KAMEL WAS FAIRLY FORTHRIGHT YESTERDAY. I WONDER
WHETHER THAT CHANGES THE POSITION AND PUTS OFF REAL
NEGOTIATIONS OVER DATE UNTIL THOSE EVENTS TAKE PLACE?

A. I, AGAIN, AM SIMPLY NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO COMMENT

ON WHAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID. TO REPEAT THE LITANY, WHAT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT DOING IS GETTING DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES. WE OBVIOUSLY WANT THEM TO HAVE SOMETHING TO NEGOTIATE ABOUT.

Q. COULD THOSE TALKS TAKE PLACE AS EARLY AS THE END OF NEXT WEEK?

A. ASSUMING THERE WERE GOING TO BE TALKS, I HAVE NO IDEA OF ANY SUCH POSSIBILITY.

Q. "AL AHRAM" REPORTED THAT TODAY.

A. I SAW THAT. I JUST WOULD GUIDE YOU AGAINST SUCH AN UNCLASSIFIED

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IDEA.

Q. HAVE YOU HEARD OFFICIALLY FROM THE EGYPTIANS ON WHEN THEY WOULD BE PRESENTING THEIR PROPOSED PLAN?

A. NO, I SEE VARIOUS SPECULATIONS ON IT. I ASSUME THAT THEY ARE RELATIVELY INFORMED, INCLUDING COMING FROM OFFICIAL EGYPTIAN SOURCES, WHICH SUGGEST IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

Q. WILL VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE MEET WITH ANY ARAB PALESTINIANS ON THE WEST BANK ON THIS TRIP?

A. YOU ARE REALLY GOING TO HAVE TO ASK THE VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE. I DON'T KNOW.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON THE REPORTS THAT CUBAN TROOPS WERE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN PUTTING DOWN THE COUP IN ADEN?

A. WE DON'T HAVE ANY INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION OF SUCH A FACT. WE HAVE CERTAINLY SEEN THOSE REPORTS.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY INDEPENDENT INFORMATION ON WHETHER THERE WAS A MEETING BETWEEN THE ISRAELIS AND THE SAUDIS PRIOR TO THE SADAT INITIATIVE TO JERUSALEM?

A. NO, I DON'T.

Q. WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE OSHKOSH TRUCKS? THE SECRETARY WAS SUPPOSED TO MAKE A DETERMINATION SOME WEEKS AGO.

A. I THINK THAT IS A GOOD, PERSISTENT QUESTION, AND AS UNCLASSIFIED

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SOON AS I HAVE AN ANSWER, I WILL, IN FACT, TAKE THAT AS
A TAKEN QUESTION AND POST AN ANSWER.

Q. WEREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO GIVE US AN ANSWER ON THE PLO,
WHAT HARROP HAD TO SAY ABOUT THE PLO?

A. NO. I SAID IF THAT WERE REALLY OF SOME CONCERN.
NO. WHAT HE SAID IS CLEAR. I DONT KNOW THAT I HAD
ANYTHING I NEEDED TO DO BEYOND THAT.

2. THE FOLLOWING ANSWER WAS POSTED IN THE DEPARTMENT
PRESS OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION TAKEN AT THE
JUNE 27 BRIEFING.

Q. IS SOUTH YEMEN STILL BEING USED AS A STAGING AREA OR
STOP-OFF POINT FOR SOVIET SUPPLIES GOING TO ETHIOPIA?

A. SO FAR AS WE KNOW, SOVIET AIRCRAFT AND SHIPS ARE
CONTINUING TO STOP AT ADEN IN CONNECTION WITH SOVIET
ACTIVITIES IN THE HORN OF AFRICA, BUT AT A DIMINISHED
LEVEL IN COMPARISON WITH LAST WINTER.

WE DO NOT HAVE FURTHER DETAILS TO OFFER ON THIS SUBJECT.

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NOTE BY OC/T: POUCHED ALGIERS.

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